

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 2132 - SB 2195

February 23, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all municipalities, unless otherwise provided for in the charter, to hold municipal elections on Saturday. Additionally, any municipality created after July 1, 2002 must hold its elections on Saturdays.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

#### **Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$100,000**

The bill requires that municipal elections be held on Saturday unless their Charter provides otherwise. The fiscal impact of this bill cannot be readily determined since it is unknown how many municipalities would be affected, the size of the municipality affected, and the amount spent on such municipal elections. However, it is assumed that the increase in local government expenditures statewide could exceed \$100,000.

Current law allows some cities to change the date of an election by ordinance. Therefore, many cities have opted to conduct elections in conjunction with existing State and County elections in order to save the city the cost of an election. This bill will eliminate this option except in cities where their Charter mandates that the election be held on a regular election day.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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